



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 39
[2005 Assembly Bill 46]

Appointment of Deputy Coroners

Under current law, a coroner, within 10 days after taking office, may appoint up to six deputy coroners who must be county residents.

Act 39 permits a coroner to appoint the number of deputy coroners the coroner considers appropriate. The act does not require that the deputy coroners be residents of the county. However, the act does require a coroner to appoint a chief deputy coroner who must be a resident of the county.

Effective Date: Act 39 takes effect on September 1, 2005. Note that the act expressly authorizes a coroner currently holding office to appoint as many other deputy coroners as the coroner considers proper; however, no such appointment may be made on or after the first Monday in January following the first general election that is held after the act's effective date. Otherwise, the act first applies to a coroner who takes office on or after the effective date of the act.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.